

Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission

PRESS RELEASE

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TAKOMA PARK COMMUNITY MURALS PROJECT TO BE UNVEILED TO THE PUBLIC MARCH 20, 2004

The Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission will unveil its Community Murals Project on Saturday, March 20, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. at the Takoma Park Municipal Building. The event is free and open to the public.

Nearly 30 community groups from Takoma Park are painting 4' x 4' murals about, "What it means to live in Takoma Park." The murals will be hung outside of the Municipal Building, which is currently undergoing a major renovation, and are expected to hang for the duration of the construction period, estimated to be 18 months. Participating organizations include the Westmoreland Area Community Organization, Takoma Park Cooperative Nursery School, Liz Lerman Dance Exchange, and the Takoma Foundation (complete list available on Page 2). More than 20 members of the community worked on Saturday, January 17 at the Municipal Center coating wood panels with primer and caulk in anticipation of making their original creations.

Members of the Arts and Humanities Commission expect the original paintings will reflect the many dimensions that comprise Takoma Park. "The Community Murals Project will draw people back to their Municipal Center," says Randy Cohen, chairman of the Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission. "The murals will promote a shared sense of community, demonstrate our diversity, and, quite simply, bring beauty to our city Center."

The March 20 event will offer the opportunity to view all of the murals. Free refreshments, a jazz band, and photo opportunities will also be provided. Welcoming remarks will be given by Takoma Park mayor, Kathy Porter; members of the City Council; and Theresa Cameron, executive director of the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County.

The Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission was established by the City Council in February 2003 to advise the city on arts-related matters. Fifteen community volunteers, each appointed by the Council, comprise the Commission.

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Takoma Park Organizations Participating in the Community Murals Project

Afternoon Addition
Brownie Troop #379
Cadet Troop #253
Forum for Youth Investment
Friends of Sligo Creek
Historic Takoma
Historic Takoma Theater
Junior Girl Scout Troup #2986
Liz Lerman Dance Exchange
Piney Branch Elementary School
Rolling Terrace Elementary School
Silver Foxes
Takoma Academy/Takoma Langley Crossroads CDA
Takoma and Langley Parks Bike Collective
Takoma Children's School
Takoma Foundation
Takoma Park Middle School
Takoma Park Coop
Takoma Park Cooperative Nursery School
Takoma Park Silver Spring Babe Ruth Baseball League
Takoma Park Home Learning Network
Takoma Park Mediation Board
Takoma Park Arts & Humanities Commission
Takoma Tower Resident Association
Takoma Voice
Ritchie Neighborhood Association
Westmoreland Area Community Organization (WACO)

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